

Winners of Decorating Contest In Allied Gardens Announced

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Well, it seems that the Christmas activities are just about over. The Christmas program at Allied Gardens was quite successful, and there were many beautiful and original home decorations.

Santa Claus came round to see all the little ones and presented each with a candy cane a few days before Christmas. Later, in the evening, Mayor Nicholas O. Drake and Councilmen Willys G. Blount and Mervin M. Schwab judged the decorations. Winners included: Clarence J. Lebo, 22314 Redbeam Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Dornberger, 5614 Rockview Ave.; and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Halls, of 2219 Shadycroft Ave. Winners in the children's theme division were Mr. and Mrs. Harris Yancey, 5520 Clearside Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Leland Speaks, 22308 Susana Ave.; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Abornathy, 5603 Ave. A. Winners in the lighting division were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barnhart, 22202 Warmside Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. James Stadler, 22414 Warmside Ave.; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gmur, 5325 Sunnyview Ave.

Our congratulations to all the winners. A special thanks of the committee to the business firms assisting in the program has been offered.

The Reese Rd. neighbors held a Christmas party at the Phil Shireff home at 5019 Reese Rd. Saturday evening, Dec. 18. The Shireffs furnished the turkey and each guest brought a dish. After an appetizer was served each guest, all were seated at a beautifully-decorated table, festooned with prints of Santa Claus and red and green candles, pine cones, and pycnantha berries. Following games, all joined in to sing Christmas carols with Mrs. E. N. Melvin at the piano.

Guests included Messrs. and Mrs. Don McCollum, Ray Bradwick, Charles Nollenbergers, Ray Walker, Lynn Young, Bob Bob Caldon, Bob Harland, Bill Beaver, Keith Kimball, E. N. Melvin, Al Hamilton, Keith Marshall, Matt Hansen, and Paul Kolleck.

The Keith Kimballs have Mrs. Kimball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Melvin of Miami, Fla., as their house guests for the holidays.

We hear that Lt. Edward Beaver, USN, has been transferred to Yokosuka, Japan, and his wife, Jackie, and daughter, Belinda, have rented their home at 22325 Linda Dr. and expect to sail from San Francisco about Dec. 27 to join him. Their trip will take them through the islands, where they expect to spend some time. They are looking forward to the trip. They are going to be gone two years. We wish them a pleasant journey.

We are glad to report that Mr. Miller, of 5516 Clearside Ave., has recovered from the injuries received about a month ago when a die exploded at North American. A piece hit him and fractured his skull, broke his jaw, and loosened three teeth. He was able to be home with his family for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trenary and son, of 5521 Clearside Ave., spent Christmas Day in San Diego with their son, Jimmy, who is in boot training. Sunday they left to spend several days in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Muskett, of Reese Rd., are spending the holidays in Canada, and expect to bring his father back with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Polzin of Pierce, Calif., are visiting their son Harold and family, at 5202 Clearside Ave., to get acquainted with their new granddaughter, Laura Lee, who made her appearance Oct. 3 at Torrance Memorial Hospital, weighing in at 7 lbs. and 13 oz. She has two sisters, Barbara Jean and Sharon Elizabeth. The maternal grandfather is John Kepple of Bolsters Mills, Me.

There was a very merry Christmas at the home of the J. W. Morris family, 5119 Reese

Rd. They have as their house guests Mrs. Morris' brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Morris, and Kent, Kathryn, and Blair, from Salt Lake City. They are also entertaining Mrs. Morris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson of Sacramento.

Cadet Lt. Col. Earl Welliver Jr. is home from Brown's Military School at San Diego, for the holidays.

It seems there is always a birthday party at the Loren Edman's home, 23171 Doris Way. This time it was son John's thirteenth, celebrated Tuesday, Dec. 21. His guests were Michael Ratcliff, Robert Mease, Richard Powell, David Pace, Craig Frank, and his brothers Larry and Chris. The cake was decorated with charms, and after enjoying ice cream and cake they all went to the theater. John received many gifts. John and Chris are attending the day camp of the Torrance YMCA all this week. Monday they will attend "Hansel and Gretel" at Long Beach. Tuesday they will go to Olvera St. and new Chinatown, and then to a swim at the San Pedro YMCA. Wednesday tour to be announced. Thursday, trip to airport and Oceanarium. This is open to all boys from the age of 9 to 14.

There was a potluck dinner, Christmas party, and gift exchange at the Adult Recreation Center, 1318 Cavens Ave. There were 80 folks present. The Adult Club furnished two turkeys, which were roasted by Oca Brown and Mrs. Jepson.

After a delicious dinner, there were Christmas carols and a gift exchange, while Charley Carlton, Arthur Jenson, and Guy Hight did KP and cleaned up the dishes. If you are a stranger here and lonely, why not drop in on us and get acquainted? The Center is open from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The folks in Allied Gardens feel neglected. When the postmen and firemen walk to these different drives, they want to know why they don't come out here. After all, we do belong to Torrance and wish to do our part.

WELFARE LEAGUE
The Child Welfare League of America, formed in 1920, has members in 182 cities located in 44 of the states.



A WHITE CHRISTMAS . . . Presents for needy children were brought to Seaside School by students, for distribution at Christmastime. Bringing their gifts for Santa to distribute were Judy Courtney and Pat Walters, as Mrs. Earl Welliver, PTA president, Mrs. H. R. Burt, first vice-president, and other children look on.

Middies Given Leave

Midshipman Donald L. Mitchell, son of Herman L. Mitchell of 1317 Acacia Ave., is completing the first term of the sophomore year at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. The class was granted Christmas leave Dec. 18, and will report back Jan. 2. Studies at the Academy during the past term have included calculus, engineering materials, basic mechanisms, history, and physics.

Tartar Teen Talk

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Tartars are certainly enjoying the Christmas holidays. Many are working, scores of parties are being held, some Tartars are planning to spend a white Christmas back east, and many are enjoying Christmas caroling in the evening. The T.H.S. Student Council wishes to extend Season's Greetings to all students and teachers.

The Junior class wished to spread good cheer, so they collected 50 stockings filled with school supplies last week. The wearable stockings will be sent to needy children for Christmas. All the Juniors were behind this project.

A Christmas party was held in the cafeteria last Friday at noon for the T.H.S. faculty. A delicious lunch was served by the Home Economics Department. The faculty was entertained with a program in which Luis Bereskin was master of ceremonies. Some of the entertainment was a faculty quartette—Mr. Zavelon, Mr. Chapman, Miss Chisholm and Mr. Hawley—who sang Christmas carols, and solos by Mr. Zee and Mr. Hawley. Santa Claus (Mr. Belknap) came and passed out gifts. It would be unbelievable to Tartars to see the teachers getting excited over 'ol St. Nick and the white elephant Christmas gifts.

Carlos Skaggs was presented with the coveted Blanket Award at the Fall Sports Award Banquet, Dec. 15. Carlos was the coaches' choice for the best all-around football player of the year.

The Richhart Award was presented to Carlitos Espinosa of the Varsity team and to Billy Reeves of the Bees. The banquet was highlighted when Skip Smith was announced as next year's Varsity football captain.

Members of the Tri-Hi-Y went Christmas caroling last Monday night. The gang went in a large truck to various homes and the hospital to sing the yuletide carols. Afterwards they adjourned to the YMCA for hot chocolate and a party.

Wednesday afternoon a lovely Christmas luncheon was given at the Portuguese Bend Club by Lena Malstrom, attended by the Tartar Ladies. After the luncheon the girls exchanged Christmas gifts.

The Girls League was really busy last week. A candied apple sale was held by the league Wednesday and Thursday. Everyone on campus was seen with some of the delicious candied apples smeared on their faces. Friday, slack, and peddle-pusher day was held for all the girls. The day was topped-off by a tremendous Girls League Christmas Aid Call.

Torrance High's Student Council last week, voted to give \$3,000 from the student body surplus fund to the Tartar Band in order to buy band uniforms. The Council had been considering this move for quite a while and felt that this was a very worthwhile cause. The band already has started shopping for them and we should see the new uniforms adorning the band sometime this school year. The band has been working toward these uniforms for sometime, by holding dances and various money-making projects.

Scoutle Y-teens held an all-day initiation for their new members, Monday. The day started bright and early at 7 o'clock at the YWCA. The initiates were made to wash the Y windows, clean and mop the kitchen, and sweep all the walks. After spending the entire morning cleaning the Y, they were served a gruesome lunch by the other members of the club. Monday evening the entire club ate dinner at George's and then went to Linda Lane's home for a slumber party. New Scoutles are Arlene Lesar, Patty Buchholtz, Louise Larned, Mary Skipper and Judy Day.

Tartars don't forget to attend the Newport-Torrance basketball games in our gym next Tuesday night. The junior-varsity game starts at seven. We certainly want to have a large group out to the game and root for our team.

"Winter Wonderland," the big winter formal will be held Jan. 8 at the Civic Auditorium. The price is only \$1.25. Sponsored by the Student Council, it will be one of the best affairs of the year.

Russians May Provide Americans Tough Competition in Olympics

By Charles Edward Chapel
Member of the Assembly
Mass Athletics in Russia
Avery Brundage, of Chicago, whom I have known for many years, was the amateur all-around athletic champion of the United States in 1914, and is a successful business executive and the author of many magazine articles on amateur sport. In addition to many other offices, he is now the Director of the Olympic Games International Committee. In this capacity, he recently traveled in Russia for two weeks and observed their preparations for the next Olympic Games.

Brundage reports that in one minor city he witnessed 900 volleyball teams playing in a tournament. In the Ukraine, sometimes called the wheat belt of Russia, Brundage found that there are 60,000 soccer teams. In referring to these two sports, he emphasized that these are merely random samples, and they show that the Russians are emphasizing mass athletics. For this reason, they are breeding a race of athletes, not merely a few football and basketball stars, but millions of men and women who actually participate in all types of sports. Furthermore, there is considerable emphasis on sports that can be played all through life, not merely in youth.

Although Brundage is primarily interested in the promotion of amateur sports, and hence neglects the military significance of the mass athletics program of the Russians, I want to personally point out that mass athletics on a grand scale is the best method of encouraging both military and industrial proficiency. A nation which has a broad program of mass athletics through grammar school, high school, and college, is a nation which can do everything better in peace and war.

One of the immediate results of the Russian mass-athletics program is that the Russians will probably outscore the United States at the next Olympic Games, simply because we have fallen behind in giving large masses of people experience in sports.

Grand Stand Sports
In the United States, it is a common event to attend a football game where there are fifty thousand people in the stands. Down on the playing field, eleven men on one side are battling eleven men from the other team. In addition, there may be three or four teams of reserve players, hence there may be a hundred men on each side prepared to play football, but only a few actually get much exercise in the game.

The commercialism of spectator sports has led to the star system, whereby the emphasis is on developing a few outstanding athletes whose names will draw crowds, hence bring money to the game. In itself, this is not bad, but it has led to the neglect of mass athletics. While Russia is training athletes, we are worrying about our juvenile delinquents.

Swimming Pools
At my special request, the Office of the Legislative Counsel in Sacramento has prepared a bill requiring school districts maintaining junior high schools, high schools, or junior colleges, to give priority to the construction of pools in their building programs, to the construction or equipping of any other facilities except classroom or administrative facilities. In addition, I have a provision in the bill whereby such districts may apply for state aid, if they are otherwise eligible for state school building aid, for the construction of swimming pools. Obviously, this is one practical step toward developing a program of mass athletics.

Swimming Pool Bill
An act to add Sections 7707.2 and 18155 to the Education Code, relating to swimming pools for public schools. The people of the State of California do enact as follows: Section 1. Section 18155 is added to the Education Code to read:

18155. Any district maintaining a junior high school, high school, or junior college shall, in its building program, give priority to the constructing and equipping of an adequate swimming pool over the constructing and equipping of any type of facilities other than necessary classroom or administrative facilities.

Section 2. Section 7707.2 is added to said Code to read: 7707.2. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, appropriations may be made for the construction of swimming pools for any district applying for an appropriation for grade levels composed of grades 7 to 12, 9 to 12, or 7 to 10, inclusive, maintained by a high school district or grades 13 and 14 maintained by a high school district, unified school district, or junior college district.

In 1918, there was a great polio epidemic in the Middle West. I was nine years old, then and nearly died from the disease. Although there were several factors in my recovery, swimming in a pool was one of them. Before swimming, I dragged my right leg and was regarded as "a cripple" but I recovered enough to become a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. I served with the Army and was for eleven years an officer of the regular United States Marine Corps. Obviously, I want to do all I can to increase the number of swimming pools available to those recovering from polio, and available to others, too, but my personal interest in polio victims is easy to understand.

Karlow Named To New Post
Edwin S. Karlow, assistant division credit manager for the California Division of the National Credit Manager for the Industrial Supply Co., has been appointed to the additional position of plant trial Products Division of the company's Torrance plant.

Karlow joined the company in 1936 as a junior clerk in charge at Los Angeles. He transferred to Torrance in 1941 in charge of credit and treasury department of the parts department of the Superior Engine Division. He became a field store auditor in 1942 and was named assistant credit manager in 1946.

Karlow is a former Torrance City Councilman and a past president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Crossword Puzzle

Look for Answers on Page 15

Horizontal
1. Animal
2. Picture
3. Either correlative
10. That is (abbr.)
11. Invertebrate
14. Craft
15. Shift gear
17. Be sick
18. Highway (abbr.)
22. Alternative
23. Constituent
24. Diet
25. Break of burden
26. At
27. Afternoon
28. (abbr.)
29. Meat
30. Floor cover
31. Printer's measure

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